

BITTER REPTILIAN COMBAT

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE  
ARIZONA GILA AND AN ALLIGATOR.

2 An Unusual and Exciting Scene in the  
3 Fish Commission Building—Efforts to  
4 Part the Fighters at First Unsuccess-  
5 ful—The Alligator Will Die.

A rare combat took place yesterday afternoon in a building occupied by the fish commission between two little pets that institution whose likes have probably never found themselves in such close proximity since the ages of featherless birds.

The aggressor, and the victor as well, was the newly arrived gila (pronounced heli) monster from the Gila river in Arizona—only species of lizard whose bite is known to be poisonous, and the victim was a 1-year-old alligator from Florida. The monster is fourteen inches long and about two-thirds the weight of his antagonist. Both reptiles were in a semi-torpid condition, having ceased to take food a week or two ago, and for some purposes they had been recovered.

each other upon the stone floor. An attendant inadvertently touched the alligator's tail and caused him to move sluggishward a few inches, when he came in contact with the blunt nose of the monster.

with a gleam of Sainia's white, and its black lips opened, and its jaw closed with a grin. The prisoner developed unexpected strength and, though taken at a disadvantage, made for a time a gallant fight for liberty and life. Its movements were marvellous and quick, and its jaws closed with a final snap on the prisoner's arm, and he fell exhausted, and, moaning like a sufferer, began to crawl. It relapsed into quietude. To a great extent the students sought by a variety of means to escape the monster, but were compelled, as may be supposed, to be very careful in handling the venomous "beast." He was seized by the tail and held aloft in the air, taken by the tail and held aloft in the air.

purpose; then sharp wires were thrust into his nose, and finally a large trowel was forced into his mouth, but such was his grip that the steel blade, though considerably bent in the effort, failed to release the imprisoned man. The third attempt was

placed in the glass case which had been occupied by the monster, and again the alligator renewed its struggles, thrashing its enemy with its tail, and snapping at it with its jaws. In its struggle it had dislocated its shoulder and its imprisoned limbs became limp and powerless. Its mountings were pitiful, and the attendants were moved to renewed and at last successful

was reintroduced into the monster's mouth with no very gentle thrusts, and probably effected a severe wound in some tender part. Bubbles of greenish slime were exuded from mouth and nostrils, and finally

work of several minutes to disengage the hooked fangs from the wounded paw. The combatants were placed in their separate receptacles, the monster lapping his thick black lips with his greenish forked tongue.

**THE NATIONAL DRILL.**

**New Companies and More Subscribers Since Last Report.**

THE REPUBLICAN letters have been received showing interest in new quarters. The east and far west are waking up to the advantages and attractions of the dr. Kansas City and Carthage, Mo.; Providence, R. I. (light battery); Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y.; Sewanee, Tenn., and Wooster, Ohio, have been heard from. The last two are university towns, proposing to send companies from their corps of cadets.

Among subscriptions yesterday received were: A. Litzer, \$500, and John A. Murn, \$100.

Committee work is being rapidly pushed and the handsome colored lithograph

able. Those who have seen the sketch  
it will be "a daisy." Col. Wilson, co-  
missioner of public buildings and grounds

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W. Wehr, H. P. R. Holt, E. M. Dawson, D. Harlan, O. C. Fox, and S. S. Burdett. Advisory committee: Judges E. E. Bass, P. W. Collins, J. H. H. Tice, H. C. Springer, John S. Manning, H. C. Darragh, S. Anna Lincoln. The secretary reported that three-fifths of the stock had been subscribed and, without doubt, the balance will be taken before the end of next week.

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### An Expensive Bath.

Col. Lafayette Bingham, of 505 Twelfth street, a pension agent in the St. Cloud building, reported to the police yesterday that he left his pocketbook in the bath room at George & Shepherd, 324 Eighth street, at 6 o'clock Thursday night. The pocketbook contained twelve \$20 bills, one \$5 bill, \$19 in

**The Needy Texans.**—Rev. John Brown will present the suffering condition of the people of Northwestern Texas in the Calvary Baptist Church next Sunday morning, and also in a speech of ten minutes at the close of the regular morning service at the First Presbyterian Church. No collection will be taken up, but contributions may be made.

**Patient Merit Meets Its Reward.**  
Louis James is not the only man who has toiled for years for the accomplishment of a fixed purpose, but he is one of the few who has at last scaled the ladder of fame to the theatrical world. His "Virginus" Mon-

**The Only Marriage in the Church.**  
Mr. E. Chester Stott, of this city, was un-

near Taneytown, Md., to Miss Margaret Galt, daughter of Mr. Henry Galt, of that town. The Piney creek church is said to be over 100 years old and yet this is the first marriage ceremony ever performed within its ancient walls.

**Death of a Printer.**  
Mr. Wallace D. Egbert, employed in Navy Department as a printer, died on Tuesday morning at No. 202 Eleventh street southwest. He was a native of Kentucky and had been in this city about three years, was a capable man, and had made many friends by strict and conscientious manner.

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